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### OUR STORY SO FAR...

The reign of Chaos has begun! Evil gains the upper hand, as Vampirella is powerles to prevent Kutthroat Moondark from slaughtering hundrets of innocent lives. Heeding a seductive siren song, the psychotic assassin, Hemorrhage, seeks out Vampirella's ally, Dervish, and murders him in cold blood.

Sensing impending doom, Vampirella must stand against the incomparable might of Mistress Nyx - alone!

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IT DOES NOT WISH TO LET HER GO. THE NIGHTMARE TRIES TO HOLD HER IN ITS MORBID GRIP OF UTTER DESPAIR. IT SHOWED HER A WORLD OF HORROR, PLUNGED INTO CHAOS BY THE MYSTERIOUS FEMALE FIGURE, NYX.

NYX SPOKE TO VAMPIRELLA IN A VOICE DRIPPING WITH CONFIDENCE AND TOLD HER THAT NO MATTER WHAT SHE DID, VAMPIRELLA, AS WELL AS THE WORLD, WOULD SUFFER THE SAME HORRIBLE FATE.*

DOOM.

HER HEART BEATS AS IF TO TEAR FREE OF HER BREAST AND SHE SCREAMS LIKE SHE NEVER SCREAMED BEFORE, SURFACING FROM THE HOLD OF THE HORRIBLE DREAM.

VAMPIRELLA IS NOW FREE OF ITS HOLD, BUT NOT OF THE VILE SEEDS OF DREAD IT HAS PLANTED IN HER CONSCIOUSNESS.

NOTE: SEE VENGEANCE OF VAMPIRELLA # ONE HALF.

MEETING OF THE UNSEELIE CONGRESS.

THESE ARE GOOD TIMES, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN DARKNESS!

THE SEEDS OF DOUBT HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN THE ACCURSED VAMPIRELLA'S FERTILE MIND. WE WILL MAKE HER QUESTION HER ABILITIES, HER MISSION TO SEE OUR KIND *ERADI-CATED!*

I KNEW IT HAD TO BE *BAD*... BUT *THIS*...!

"...THE UNSEELIE CONGRESS BACK *TOGETHER* AND LED BY KUTTHROAT MOONDARK! I DIDN'T THINK IT COULD GET ANY *WORSE!*"

WE WILL *WHITTLE* AWAY HER CONFIDENCE AND THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HER CAUSE. WE WILL--

AND HOW *LONG* WILL THIS TAKE? HOW MUCH *TIME* WILL PASS BEFORE VAMPIRELLA AND THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE KNEELS SUBMISSIVE BEFORE YOU?!

WHO *DARES*?!

I CAN GIVE ALL OF THAT TO YOU *NOW!*

ALL YOU NEED DO IS GIVE ME YOUR UNDYING LOYALTY AND GRATITUDE.

*DISPOSE* OF THIS INTRUDER IMMEDIATELY! AND HAVE THE SENTRY AT THE PASSAGE ENTRANCE *EXECUTED* AT ONCE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D REACT THIS WAY. LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO PROVE MYSELF.

*AH, WELL...*

I DON'T KNOW WHO *SHE* IS, BUT SHE CERTAINLY HAS GUTS, AND I THINK I'M GOING TO *SEE* THEM SHORTLY!

*IMPOSSIBLE!* WHAT KIND OF MONSTER *ARE* YOU, WOMAN?!

GH

THE KIND DESTINED TO *LEAD* YOU. GIVE US A *KISS* HANDSOME!

DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR, WOMAN! BUT AT LEAST YOU *AIMED* HIGH AND PROVIDED US WITH AN ENTERTAINING DIVERSION!

*DIE!!!*

ARE YOU *SURE* YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

THOSE *EYES* THEY TOUCH ME TO THE BLACKEST DEPTHS OF MY BEING. I *KNOW* THOSE EYES...

...AND I AM HUMBLED. FORGIVE ME.

QUITE ALRIGHT. YOU HAVE LOOKED INTO MY EYES AND HAVE SEEN MY TRUE IDENTITY.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF YOUR LOVING AND ALL POWERFUL MISTRESS NYX. NOW IS THE TIME WE PREPARE OUR SIEGE AGAINST THE FORCES OF LIGHT... AGAINST...

...VAMPIRELLA!

YOU ALRIGHT, PRETTY LADY? I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU YELL.

I'M FINE, IRVING. JUST A BAD DREAM THAT I PRAY IS TRULY OVER.

ME, TOO, BUT I DON'T KNOW. GOT A BAD FEELING

AS DO I, MY LITTLE FRIEND.

WHAT IS THAT SOUND!?

PENDRAGON, ARE *YOU* RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HORRIBLE NOISE?!

I SHOULD BE INSULTED, BUT I KNOW YOU HAD A BAD NIGHT. I'LL IGNORE YOUR ACCUSATIONS THIS TIME.

DIDN'T DO NOTHIN', LADY. THE HUM, HUM, HUMMING IS COMING FROM DOWN *THERE* ON THE *STREET*. YES, YES, YES!

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*--DAVE*

WHAT COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH AN INCESSANT *DROWING!*

THE SOUND APPEARS TO BE COMING FROM *THEM!*

THOSE... THOSE PEOPLE... THE SOUND IS NOT NATURAL.

SOUNDS LIKE *BUGS*-- LOTS AND LOTS OF BUGS. DON'T *LIKE* BUGS MUCH.

WHAT'S *HAPPENING*, PENDRAGON? WHY DOES THIS FEEL SO *WRONG*?!

*"TOLD YA IT WAS BUGS!"*

*SATYR* AND *CIRCE!* THERE ARE SO *MANY!*

UNDOUBTEDLY SUPERNATURAL!

"THEY... THEY'RE BLOTTING OUT THE *SUN!*"

I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING!

I AGREE AND I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

SO... MANY...!

...CAN'T SEE... CRAWLING...

...CRAWLING INTO MOUTH!

MMMMM

HURRKK!

MMMMM

THE WAIL OF A CHILD IN DANGER IS ENOUGH TO SPUR THE MAN ONCE CALLED ADAM VAN-HELSING, NOW CALLED BAD JACK, INTO ACTION.

WHILE PATROLLING THE PANIC-STRICKEN STREETS OF SALEM, HE HEARD THE TINY CRY FOR HELP THROUGH THE IRRITATING DIN OF THE SWARM.

HANG ON, KID! HELP'S ON THE WAY!

A CAR HAD STRUCK THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING, THE DRIVER OBVIOUSLY BLINDED BY THE STORM OF INSECTS. THE CHILD MUST HAVE BEEN TRAPPED AS THE BUILDING COLLAPSED.

HELP ME, MISTER! IT'S DARK! HELP ME PLEASE!

SOMETHING BAD HAD HAPPENED TO THE CITY WHILE HE SLEPT. AN EVIL FORCE OF AN INCREASING MAGNITUDE HAD BLANKETED THE WORLD AND IT WAS ALL THAT HE AND THE DANSE MACABRE COULD DO TO MAINTAIN SOME TYPE OF ORDER THROUGH THE GROWING CHAOS...

ALMOST *THERE* KID, I GOT...

...WHAT THE *HELL* IS *THIS*?!

YOU'RE OH-SO-*KIND*!

HE*HE* HE *HE* he HE HE HE*HE* he HEHE!

THE LITTLE PIECE OF SPIT SAID THAT HE'D GIVE ME A HAND IN TRAPPING YOU IF I PROMISED THAT HE COULD HAVE YOUR *SKULL* LATER...

...DIDN'T SEE WHY NOT.

*YOU!* YOU MURDERING SON OF A...

HE *he* HE HE HE HE HE *he* HE *HE* HEHE HE HE!

YEP, IT'S ME

THOSE LOOK LIKE SOME *NASTY* CUTS ON YOUR HANDS, BRO.

YOU'VE KILLED FRIENDS OF MINE AND TORMENTED THE WOMAN I LOVE. I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT *ENOUGH* OF YOUR *CRAP!*

*YIKES,* THEY LOOK *INFECTED!* IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS I'D KILL YOU NOW AND PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY...

...AND AFTER ALL...

...BUT A CERTAIN SPECIAL SOMEONE WANTS YOU ALIVE...

HUKK!

GURRRK! GURGGLE! GASP!

HE HE HE

"...WHO AM I TO FIGHT CITY HALL?"

THAT'S IT, CHILD, EASY. WE MUST GET YOU TO SHELTER BEFORE...

DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME, I'LL BE FINE. WE MUST CONTACT THE DANSE! I'M SURE *THEY* ARE PREPARED FOR SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS.

DON'T LIKE THIS AT *ALL!*

JUST LIKE IN MY BAD DREAM... IT'S GETTING *DARKER!*

NO SUN WHEN 'DERE SHOULD BE SUN. DIS IS *GOOD!*

REMEMBER WHAT THE MISTRESS SAID? IT'S A *SIGN.* NOW, WE GOT TO RAISE SOME *HELL!*

WOULDN'T WANT -SKREE- THE THE MISTRESS TO BE -SKREE- ANGRY WITH US! LET'S GO TO WORK! SKREEE!

FIRST THE INSECTS AND NOW *THIS!*

THE SITUATION DOES APPEAR TO BE WORSENING BY THE MINUTE!

BUGS, THEN *MONSTERS!* WHAT'S *NEXT?!*

SWAAK

UNGH!

AT LAST, AT *LAST*, I STAND ABOVE MY GREATEST ADVERSARY!

YOU HAVE ME AT A DISADVANTAGE, TROLL. HAVE WE *MET?!*

I AM KUTTHROAT MOONDARK OF THE TROLL-CLAN MOONDARK, AND I HAVE COME TO CLAIM *VENGEANCE* FOR THE LIFE OF MY BROTHER WHO FELL BENEATH YOUR *CLAWS!*

I... I DON'T *REMEMBER* YOUR BROTHER!

WHISSSS

THOSE WHO FELL BENEATH MY CLAWS *DESERVED* TO DIE!

I WOULDN'T *EXPECT* YOU TO, SEEING AS YOU'VE MURDERED SO *MANY!*

IF YOU SAY IT, IT MUST BE SO!

AARGH!

THERE IS NOTHING I WOULD LIKE MORE THAN TO CLEAVE YOUR PRETTY SKULL WIDE, BUT I HAVE PROMISED YOUR LIFE TO AN-OTHER.

COME FOR ME THEN, KUTTHROAT MOONDARK. LET ME *SHOW* YOU WHAT MOST LIKELY BECAME OF YOUR BROTHER...

... COME TASTE MY VENGEANCE!

YOUR TAUNTS WILL DO YOU LITTLE GOOD. *LISTEN!* SHE APPROACHES. YOUR *DEATH* APPROACHES.

WHAT'S COMING, TROLL? *TELL* ME!

YOU WILL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.

I... I 'A *SCARED*, MAGIC MAN!

AS AM I, IRVING, AS AM I.

"YOUR WAIT IS OVER VAMPIRELLA...

...SHE *COMES!*

*WHO* COMES, KUTTHROAT? TELL ME *NOW!* IS IT THE MONSTER FROM MY NIGHTMARES, THE CHAOS CHILD? *TELL* ME!

*NOTE: SEE VENGEANCE OF VAMPIRELLA #ONE HALF*

SATYR AND CIRCE!

MISTRESS...

NYX.

I'M TAKEN A MOMENT TO APPRECIATE HOW NICE IT IS TO FINALLY MEET YOU IN THE FLESH!

I'M TIRED OF THE SMALL TALK, NYX. LET'S JUST GET ON WITH THIS AND BE DONE!

CAN YOU BELIEVE ALL THIS CHAOS IS JUST AMAZING WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO WHEN SHE PUTS HER MIND TO IT. DON'T YOU AGREE?

UNLIKE YOU, THE CREATURES OF SHADOW ARE A PATIENT LOT. DEAR THEY WERE JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT PERSON WITH THE PROPER MOTIVATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO HAPPEN ALONG

EVERYTHING HAS GONE ACCORDING TO PLAN. I'VE DOTTED ALL MY I'S AND CROSSED ALL MY T'S SO TO SPEAK.

I'VE ELIMINATED ALL POSSIBLE THREATS.

EXCEPT FOR ONE.

GET ON WITH IT!

NICE ONE. MY TURN!

THUD

SWISH

SWAK!

URK!

SHALL WE TRY THAT AGAIN?

WHAT, THAT YOU WILL SOON BE *DEAD*?!

HISSSSS

CONFIDENT... WORDS.. FROM ONE ABOUT .. TO TASTE... *DEFEAT!*

SHREEEK!

FOLLOWS LIKE A TRUE CREATURE OF THE NIGHT

I'M FIXED ON THE LEFT WING OF A CLOSE

WOUMPH!

PMF!

IT SHOULD BE DRAMATIC, VERY OPERATIC... DON'T YOU AGREE?

NO MATTER *WHAT* HAPPENS NOW, I *WILL KILL* YOU!

CAN'T RUN ME MAMPIRELLA IT'S FAR TOO LATE FOR THAT!

NOW HOW SHOULD WE DO IT?

TAKE HER!

SKREEK!

SUCH FIRE!

ALL FOR NOUGHT. ALL FOR NOUGHT! SKREEK!

I'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM DEALING WITH THE LIKES OF YOUR KIND!

GIVE IN, CHILD. WHY DO YOU MAKE IT SO HARD UPON YOURSELF?

ARRRRR!

PERFECT FIT! SKREEK! SKREEK! SKREEK!

TAKE HER TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE

THE SCENT OF EVIL IN THE ENCLOSED AREA IS ALMOST SUFFOCATING AS SHE STRUGGLES TO CATCH HER BREATH AND ATTEMPTS TO STAND.

IN ALL THE YEARS SHE HAS EXISTED UPON THIS WORLD AND AFTER ALL THE BATTLES SHE HAS FOUGHT IN ITS DEFENSE, SHE HAS NEVER GIVEN UP THE BELIEF THAT GOOD WOULD EVENTUALLY TRIUMPH OVER EVIL.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SHE BEGINS TO DOUBT HERSELF.

ACCUSED OF CRIMES AGAINST THE CREATURES OF SHADOW

KNOW!!

ISN'T IT *GREAT*, LOVE?!

ENOUGH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION TO SHAKE A STICK AT! REALLY MAKES A GUY LIKE ME FEEL *ALIVE*.

Krumm mm PH!

SATYR AND CIRCE, SUCH *MADNESS!* I'M GUILTY OF NOTHING EXCEPT PROTECTING THIS WORLD AGAINST THE KINDS OF *EVIL* I NOW SEE *BEFORE* ME!

KA THUMP

ADAM!

I... I BROUGHT HIM TO YOU JUST LIKE YOU ASKED, EVEN THOUGH I WANTED TO *KILL* HIM.

YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, HEMORRHAGE ANT. I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE LEARNING TO CONTROL THOSE AWFUL URGES.

DOES THIS ONE MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU, ANTI-CELLA?

KEEP AWAY FROM HIM, IT'S *ME* THAT YOU WANT!

I COULD SEE WHY I SENSED THAT THERE IS A WILDNESS IN THIS ONE, A POTENTIAL FOR GREAT DARKNESS.

I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE COULD BE A PLACE FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU IN MY NEW UNHOLY REGIME.

HOW DOES THAT SOUND, MAN? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE GREAT MISTRESS NYX AND BELONG TO HER IN BOTH BODY AND SOUL?

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF OF HIM!

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER, BAD-JACK?

YEAH, RIGHT. AND MAYBE LATER ON *MONKEYS* WILL FLY OUT OF MY *ASS!*

WHAT?

SATYR AND CIRCE...

PITY... YOU COULD HAVE BEEN MY FAVORITE PLAYTHING

SNAP TK!

ADAM, NO!

I HEAR THE SOUND OF YOUR LOVER'S NECK *BREAKING*, VAMPIRELLA. I REMEMBER IT WELL FOR IT IS THE SOUND THAT HERALDS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DARK AGE.

A CHAOS AGE

YOU HAVE BEEN *DEFEATED*, VAMPIRELLA, AND CHAOS REIGNS *SUPREME!*

THE HORRIBLE BREAKING SOUND LINGERS IN THE STILL AIR...

..SIGNALING TO HER THE END OF ALL THE HAPPINESS SHE WILL EVER KNOW.

Satyr and Circe, please no!

HE WAS THE ONE CONSTANT IN THE TUMULTUOUS EXISTENCE SHE LIVED AS PROTECTOR OF A WORLD BESIEGED BY SUPERNATURAL FORCES

DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

ADAM VAN HELSING SAW HER FOR WHAT SHE WAS AND WHAT SHE COULD BE, ACCEPTING BOTH THE GOOD AND THE BAD. HE TRULY LOVED HER -- AND HER HIM.

VAMPIRELLA NEVER REALIZED THE END OF THE WORLD COULD HURT SO BAD

My sweet Adam.

I'LL KILL YOU, NYX.

NO MATTER THE COST--

YOU WILL PAY!!

THE BATTLE BEGINS IN VAMPIRELLA!

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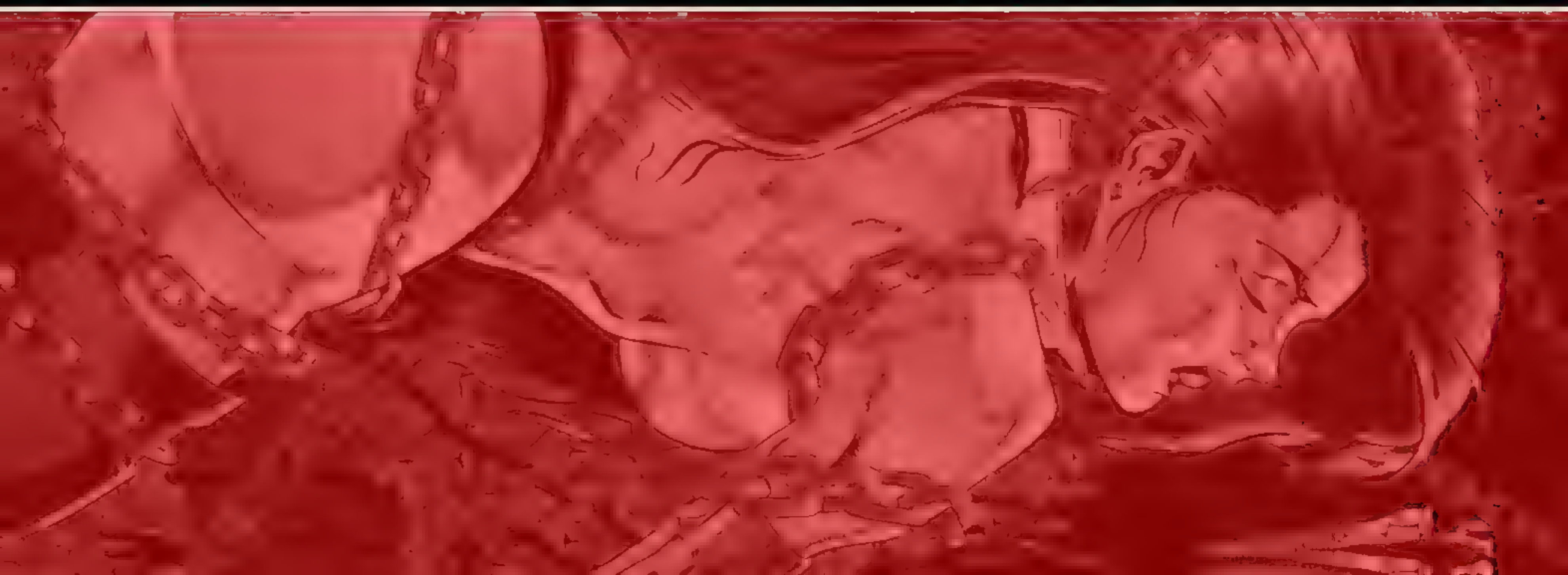

She strains against the unyielding bonds, the horrific scene unfolding before her eyes bringing her precariously close to the brink of madness.
A defense mechanism? Perhaps, but the woman called Vampirella suddenly finds herself recalling one of the happiest moments in her life.
Vampirella remembers the first time she and Adam made love.
What began as a warm peck of affection quickly evolved into something of a far more passionate nature.
There was a great need satisfied that lazy day, a need both physical and spiritual, and through the satisfying of that need a powerful bond was forged, the bond of endless love...
...until death do they part.

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS. THE COURTHOUSE, HEADQUARTERS OF MISTRESS NYX.

MISTRESS, I LIKE YOUR STYLE!

THE WOMAN HOLDING THE STILL-COOLING CORPSE OF VAMPIRELLA'S LOVE IS CALLED NYX. SHE IS THE DARK AND CORRUPTIVE POWER OF THE DREAD CHAOS GOD MADE FLESH.

MISTRESS NYX WANTS THIS WORLD AS HER OWN, AND IS PREPARED TO DESTROY ANYONE FOOLHARDY ENOUGH TO STAND IN HER PATH.

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THE WET, CRACKING SOUND OF BREAKING BONE HANGS HEAVY IN THE STAGNANT AIR OF THE COURTHOUSE, A SOUND LIKE NO OTHER. IT IS THE SOUND THAT SIGNALS BOTH THE END OF A YOUNG, HEROIC LIFE...

...AND THE END OF VAMPIRELLA'S WORLD AS SHE HAS KNOWN IT.

THIS LIFE IS OVER WITH A FLICK OF MY WRIST, AS THE LIVES OF ALL WHO OPPOSE ME SHALL SOON BE!

ADAM... NO!

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NYYAXXX!
YOU'VE BROKEN YOUR CHAINS! SO MUCH FOR FABLED DWARF CRAFT! MANY-UP!
HEMORRHAGE, REMIND ME LATER TO HAVE THEIR KIND EXTERMINATED!
LOOK, MAGIC MAN, THE PRETTY LADY IS FREE!
AND FOREVER CHANGED BY THE HORRORS WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED!
ZAMM!
QUICKLY! WE MUST AID HER IN HER STRUGGLE!
I SHALL TAKE YOUR BODY APART, CHAOS WITCH, AND SAVOR THE TASTE OF YOUR ACCURSED BLOOD UPON MY LIPS! I LL--

KILL YOU!
OUFFF!
I'M SURE YOU WOULD DEAR...
SKRRAKK!
...IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO DO SO!
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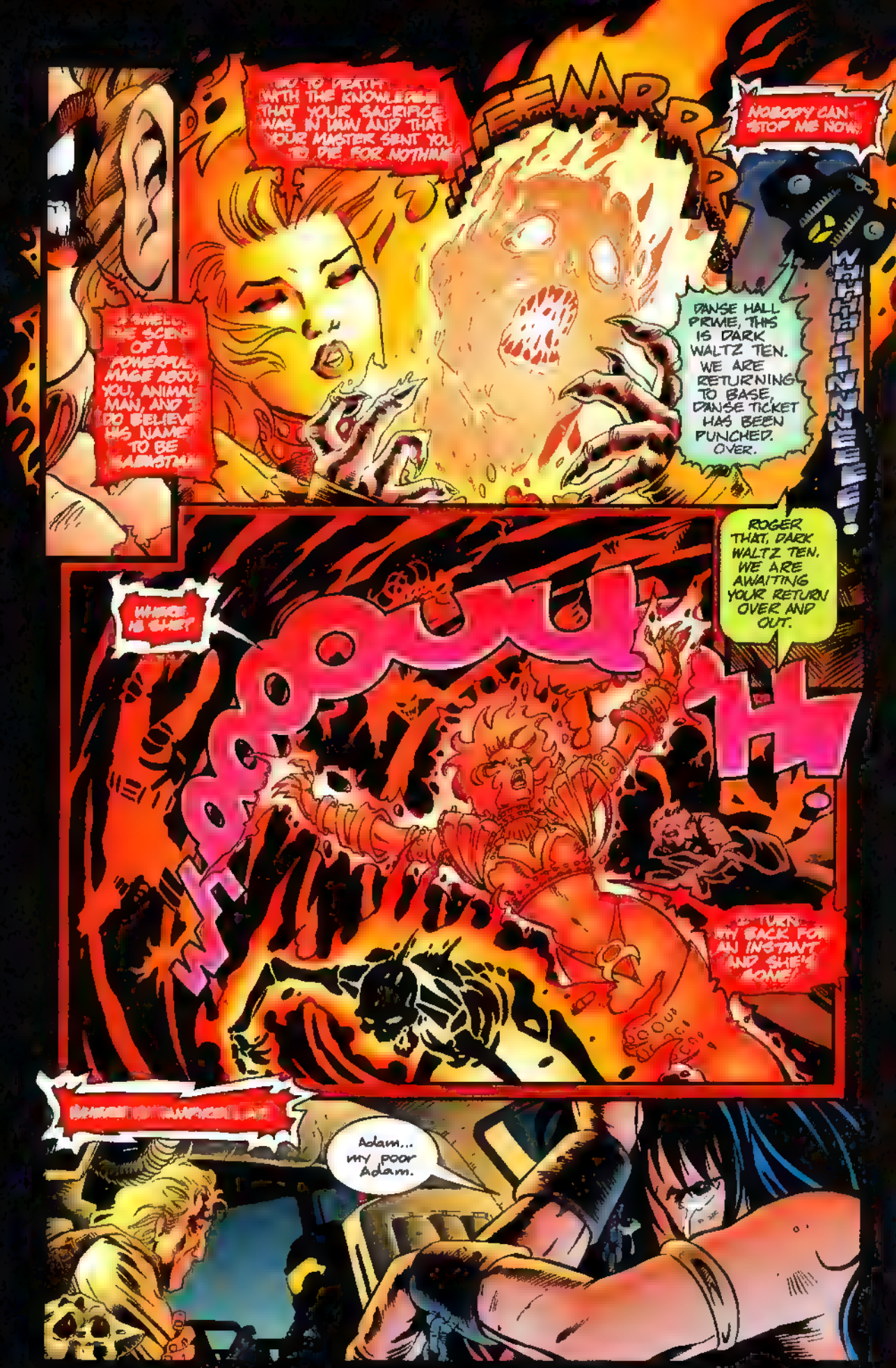
BUT YOU DON'T. THE TIME OF ORDER HAS COME TO A TRAGIC CLOSE.
AS WAS YOUR LIFE!
THAT SOUND... WHAT?
KRACK
THOOM!
WHO DARES?!
THE DANSE!

SABASTIAN WAS RIGHT! HE SAID WE'D FIND YOUR CUTE BUTT HERE IN THE EYE OF THE SHIT STORM!
SORRY WE'RE LATE, HONEY, THE TRAFFIC WAS MURDER!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
YEEAAARRGH!
LET ME GUESS, THAT WAS THE QUEEN BAD GUY WE JUST SHOT?! WE GOTTA GET YOU GUYS OUTTA HERE AND TO THE DANSE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GET TO THE SHIP--
--I'LL WATCH YOUR BACK UNTIL--
AAAAAARRRRGH!!
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM! SHE'LL KILL HIM... KILL HIM LIKE SHE DID MY ADAM!
PLEASE, VAMPIRELLA! WE MUST GET YOU TO SAFETY!


TO DEATH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR SACRIFICE WAS IN VAIN AND THAT YOUR MASTER SENT YOU TO DIE FOR NOTHING!
I SMELL THE SCENT OF A POWERFUL MAGE ABOUT YOU, ANIMAL MAN, AND I DO BELIEVE HIS NAME TO BE MALMOTH!
GRRRR
NOBODY CAN STOP ME NOW!
WHIRRRRRR
DANSE HALL PRIME, THIS IS DARK WALTZ TEN. WE ARE RETURNING TO BASE, DANSE TICKET HAS BEEN PUNCHED. OVER.
WHEEEE!
ROGER THAT, DARK WALTZ TEN. WE ARE AWAITING YOUR RETURN OVER AND OUT.
WHERE IS SHE?
KRAKOOM
I TURN MY BACK FOR AN INSTANT AND SHE'S GONE!
Adam... my poor Adam.

INCOMPETENT SWINE! ALL OF YOU I HAD HER AT MY MERCY, AND YOU LET HER ESCAPE!
NOT I, MISTRESS NYX! I WAS BLINDED BY THE HAZE OF BATTLE--
YOU WERE BLINDED, PUP? IT WAS DI FINE AND NOW--
PLEASE DON'T.
ME! AIEEE!
DESPITE YOUR FAILURE, MY PETS, I WILL FIND VAMPIRELLA AGAIN. SHE WILL SUFFER ALL THE MORE FOR THE TROUBLE SHE HAVE BEEN THROUGH TODAY.
HEMORRHAGE BEGAN MY CRUSADE AGAINST HER, BUT NOW IT WILL CONTINUE A HUNDREDFOLD. I WILL KILL EVERY LIVING THING THAT VAMPIRELLA HOLDS DEAR. I WILL DESTROY HER, BODY AND SOUL.
BUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT YOU LOT, WHO HAVE FAILED ME THROUGH YOUR WEAKNESS AND COWARDICE?
WHAT TO DO INDEED?
I'M YOURS, MISTRESS, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN YOURS.
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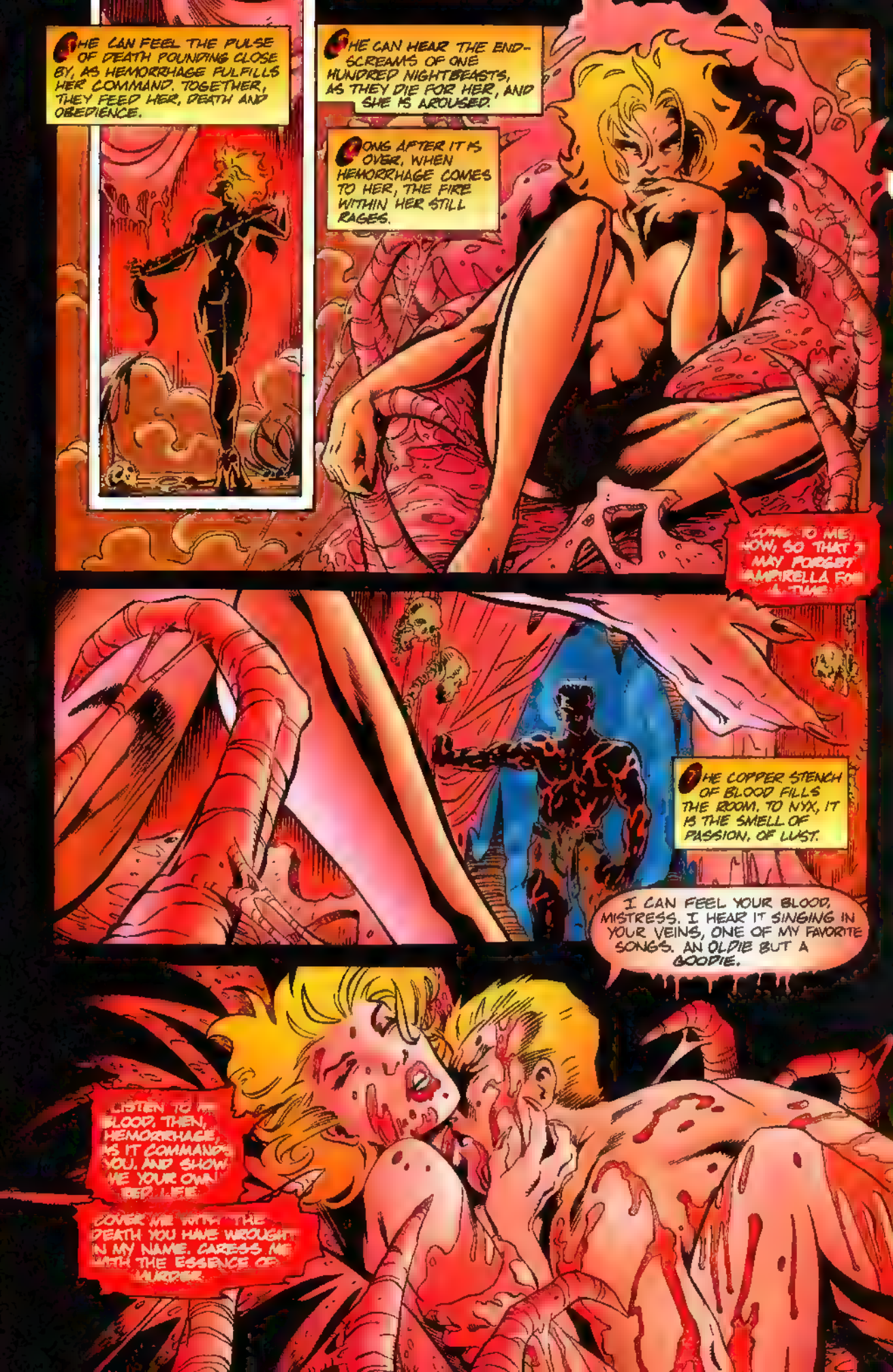

She can feel the pulse of death pounding close by, as hemorrhage fulfills her command. Together, they feed her, death and obedience.
She can hear the end-screams of one hundred nightbeasts, as they die for her, and she is aroused.
Long after it is over, when hemorrhage comes to her, the fire within her still rages.
COME TO ME, NOW, SO THAT I MAY FORGET VAMPIRELLA FOR A TIME.
The copper stench of blood fills the room. To Nyx, it is the smell of passion, of lust.
I CAN FEEL YOUR BLOOD, MISTRESS. I HEAR IT SINGING IN YOUR VEINS, ONE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS. AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE.
LISTEN TO ME BLOOD. THEN, HEMORRHAGE, AS IT COMMANDS YOU. AND SHOW ME YOUR OWN RED LIFE.
COVER ME WITH THE DEATH YOU HAVE WROUGHT IN MY NAME. CARESS ME WITH THE ESSENCE OF MURDER.

PART OF VAMPIRELLA'S MIND HAS SIMPLY CEASED TO FUNCTION WHEN NYX SNAPPED ADAM'S NECK. SHE TURNED INWARD, AND THAT IS WHERE SHE REMAINS NOW.
IN HER MIND, SHE CAN RELIVE THE JOYOUS MOMENTS OF THEIR LIFE TOGETHER, OVER AND OVER. NOTHING CAN TOUCH HER, NOTHING CAN HURT HER.
DANSE HALL PRIME, THIS IS DARK WALTZ TEN, PREPARING FOR LANDING. DO YOU READ ME?
HEY, IS ANYBODY HOME, OR WHAT?
PRETTY LADY HURT BAD INSIDE, MAGIC MAN. BAD, BAD, BAD.
INDEED, MY FRIEND. THE KIND OF WOUND THAT MAY NEVER HEAL.
I'M SO SORRY, VAMPIRELLA. ADAM WAS THE BEST OF US; THE ONLY MAN TO EVER SEE ME AS MORE THAN A TIME-WORN MAGIC TRICK.
I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE LOST A SON.
OH, MY DEAR PENDRAGON, I KNOW THAT YOU TOO MUST BE GRIEVING. AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE ONE ANOTHER. YOU'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT NOW, THE ONLY ONE I STILL TRUST.
IRVING SORRY TOO, PRETTY LADY.
MISTRESS NYX HAS TORN OUT HER HEART...
SHE'S GOING TO PAY, OLD FRIEND, AND DEARLY.
...BUT VAMPIRELLA ISN'T PREPARED TO DIE JUST YET.

WITH ALL I HAVE SUFFERED, I STRUGGLED TO RETAIN SOME SENSE OF INNOCENCE, OF OPTIMISM. NYX HAS CORRUPTED THAT MY EYES ARE OPEN, NOW, PENDRAGON. SHE HAS CHANGED ME, AND IT WILL BE HER UNDOING.
DANSE HALL PRIME, THIS IS.. AH, THE HELL WITH IT, CAPTAIN, THERE'S NO ONE HERE. IT'S A FRIGGIN' GHOST TOWN OUT THERE.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, KELSEY! THERE'S NO WAY SABASTIAN WOULD ALLOW--
VAMPIRELLA! YOU'D BETTER GET UP HERE! I THINK WE'VE GOT A
PROBLEM
DIE, NIGHTBEAST! YOU AND ALL YOUR KIN! IF MISTRESS NYX HAS FOUND US ALREADY, IT ONLY MEANS SHE WILL PAY THAT MUCH SOONER!
YEEARRGHHH!
PENDRAGON, LOOK OUTSIDE, SEE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST!

"OH, DEAR. THIS MAY BE A PROBLEM."
VAMPIRELLA GATHERS HER GRIEF, HONES IT TO A FINE EDGE. AND KILLS WITH IT
PERHAPS YOU SEE IT AS A PROBLEM, PEN. I, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEE IT AS DEEPLY SATISFYING BEREAVEMENT THERAPY.

MOVE IT, CLICK WALTZ. THIS PLACE IS COMPROMISED. LET'S GET MR. SABASTIAN AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
NO! YOU AND YOUR MEN HOLD THE SHIP. IT MAY BE OUR ONLY EXIT. IF SABASTIAN'S STILL ALIVE, I'LL GET HIM OUT!
SEE, BROTHER, IT IS VAMPIRELLA. NYX WILL REWARD US WELL FOR FINDING BOTH THE DANSE AND THIS LONG-LIMBED LOVELY!
INDEED, BROTHER. PERHAPS THE MISTRESS WILL ALLOW US TO SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH VAMPIRELLA'S COOLING CORPSE. MY PULSE QUICKENS JUST THINKING OF IT!
NOW THAT IS REALLY DIS-GUSTING!
DESPITE HER UNCHARACTERISTIC FLIPPANCY, AND THE RAGE THAT BURNS LIKE A STAR IN HER GUT, IT IS NOT LONG BEFORE THE COLD VOID LEFT INSIDE OF HER BY ADAM'S DEATH RETURNS.
SPLORCH
SPLORCH
COME ON, THEN! I'LL KILL YOU ONE BY ONE IF I HAVE TO!

AT THAT MOMENT, THE GLORY OF REVENGE DEPARTS, THE JOY OF KILLING EVAPORATES.
SHE WILL MURDER THEM ALL, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE, AND STAND BETWEEN HERSELF AND NYX.
THUNK!
FEAR NOT, MY DEAR.
YOU DO NOT FIGHT ALONE. PENDRAGON STANDS WITH YOU!
AND IRVING, MAGIC MAN. DON'T FORGET IRVING!
I WILL NOT, LITTLE FRIEND. BUT WE COULD USE A LITTLE MAGICKAL HELP FROM YOU, NOW. YOU MUST CONCENTRATE YOUR POWER.
WITHIN THE CHAOS, VAMPIRELLA HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO MANEUVER TOWARD THE DOOR. SHE CANNOT HELP BUT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS A FUTILE ATTEMPT.
ANY TIME YOU'D LIKE, NOW, IRVING. A LITTLE AID WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
PENDRAGON, WE MUST FIND SABASTIAN AND GET OUT OF HERE. FIND SOMEPLACE TO RE-GROUP SO WE CAN RETALIATE AGAINST NYX.
TOO MANY BIG, NOT NICE MONSTERS WANT TO STOMP ON TEENY TINY IRVING
WHEEE! NOW IRVING BIG AND NOT NICE MONSTERS TEENY TINY. IRVING'S TURN TO STOMP!
WHAT THE...

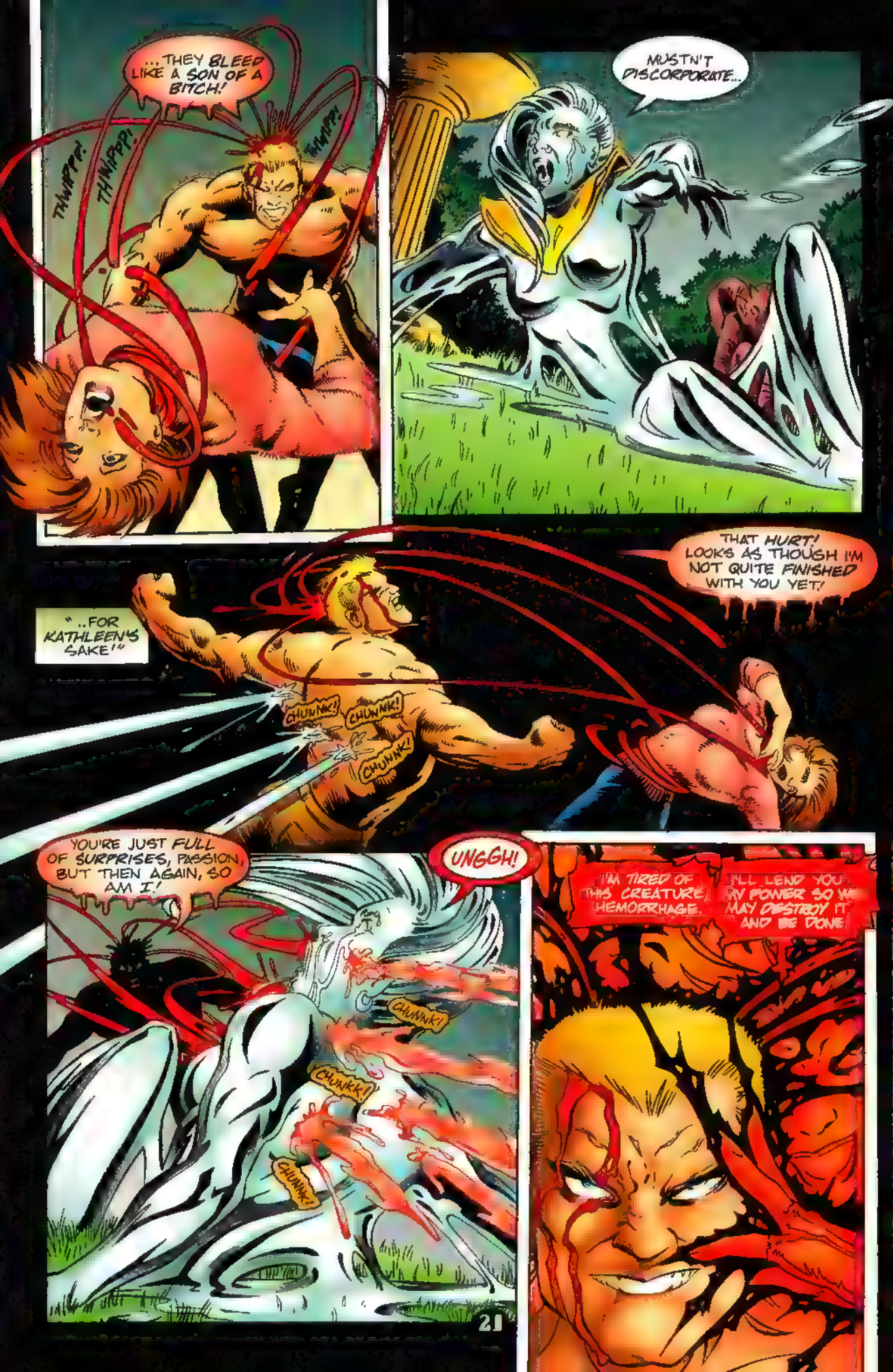
WELL DONE, GA-GA. USE THE NEW BODY I MADE YOU TO ANNIHILATE THEM ALL. DO TRY NOT TO HURT OUR FRIENDS, THOUGH, WON'T YOU?
YAM!
YAM!
YAM!
YAM!
YAM!
SABASTIAN, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO POOR GA-GA?
'OH, SABASTIAN, THANK CIRCE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... NO, I DON'T GUESS I EXPECTED THAT. LISTEN, VAMPIRELLA, GA-GA YEARNED FOR A HEALTHY BODY, AND I HAVE GIVEN HIM A MOST PRACTICAL ONE.
YOU FIEND! ALL HE WANTED TO BE WAS A NORMAL CHILD, TO RUN AND PLAY WITH OTHERS. YOU HAVE MADE HIM A MONSTER!
INDEED I HAVE, AND IN SO DOING, I HAVE SAVED ALL OUR LIVES. LET GO OF ME, VAMPIRELLA, YOU PRESUME TOO MUCH.
MISTER SABASTIAN, SIR, WE'VE REALLY GOT TO GO!
LET US DEPART, THEN. THERE IS A SECONDARY DANSE MACABRE FACILITY NEARBY. NYX WILL NEVER FIND US THERE.
SHE WILL NOT HAVE TO FIND US, SABASTIAN...

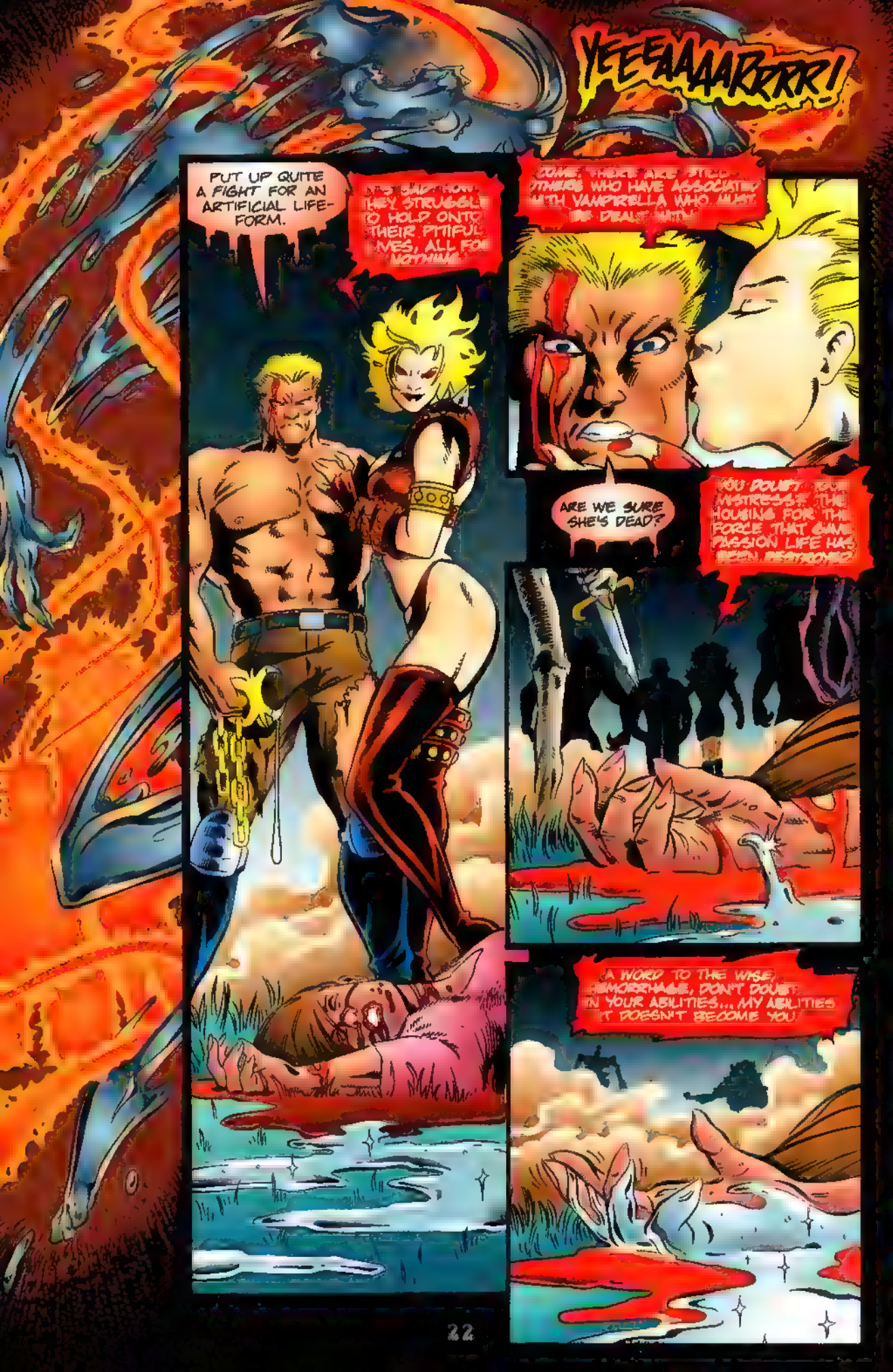
I WILL FIND HER.

NEWTON. A SUBURB OF BOSTON.
THE HOME OF KATHLEEN BENWAY AND...
...THE SUPERNATURAL BEING KNOWN AS PASSION.
KER-RASH!

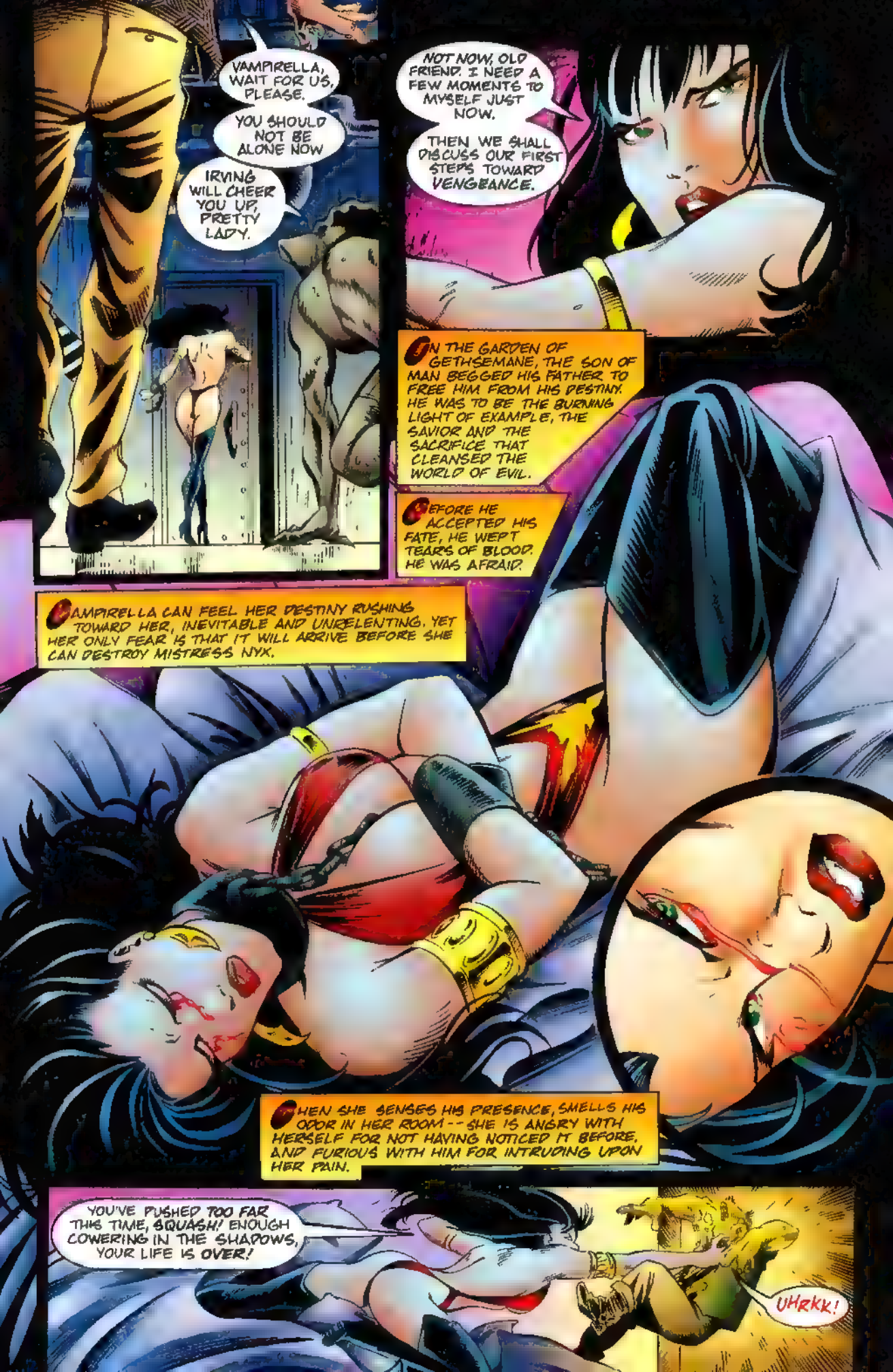
WHO IS HE, PASSION?! WHY DOES HE WANT TO HURT US?!
THE STENCH OF EVIL ABOUT HIM IS TRULY NAUSEATING, KATHLEEN.
HE IS SOMEHOW A PART OF THE MUCH LARGER EVIL THAT HAS BEGUN TO SPREAD ACROSS THE GLOBE.
"STAND BACK AND I WILL DEAL WITH HIM AND THOSE WHO ACCOMPANY HIM, FOR THIS IS MY PURPOSE... MY PASSION."
NO, EVERYTHING'S JUST DUCKY. I UNDERESTIMATED HER, THAT'S ALL.
FORGOT THAT SHE ISN'T HUMAN, MADE UP OF ARCANE ENERGIES AND SUPERNATURALLY-CHARGED ECTOPLASM. GONNA HAVE TO CHANGE HOW I USUALLY OPERATE.
SHE'S FAST, I'LL GIVE HER THAT. FAST, GRACEFUL...
SLICE
...AND FLUID.
SOMETHING... SOMETHING TRYING TO TEAR ME APART!

THE POWER OF THE MIND, BABE. I'VE GOT A KNACK FOR WORKING WITH FLUIDS.
ALL I GOTTA DO IS WORM MY WAY INSIDE, WHERE IT'S WARM AND WET. THE REST IS EASY.
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE IN HELL AGAINST THE NEW AND IMPROVED ME!
MUST... HOLD ...TOGETHER... CAN .. NOT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO HER, BUT STOP IT, YOU MONSTER!
UUHH!
OUCH! TOO BAD!
DON'T FRET. JUST A HEAD WOUND.
ONE THING I CAN SAY ABOUT HEAD WOUNDS...


...THEY BLEED LIKE A SON OF A BITCH!
THWIPP!
THWIPP!
THWIPP!
MUSTN'T DISCORPORATE...
THAT HURT! LOOKS AS THOUGH I'M NOT QUITE FINISHED WITH YOU YET!
"..FOR KATHLEEN'S SAKE!"
CHUNNK!
CHUNNK!
CHUNNK!
YOU'RE JUST FULL OF SURPRISES, PASSION, BUT THEN AGAIN, SO AM I!
UNGGH!
CHUNNK!
CHUNNK!
CHUNNK!
I'M TIRED OF THIS CREATURE, HEMORRHAGE.
I'LL LEND YOU MY POWER SO YOU MAY DESTROY IT AND BE DONE!


YEEEAAAARRRR!
PUT UP QUITE A FIGHT FOR AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM.
THEY STRUGGLE TO HOLD ONTO THEIR PITIFUL LIVES, ALL FOR NOTHING.
COME, THERE ARE STILL OTHERS WHO HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH VAMPIRELLA WHO MUST BE DEALT WITH.
ARE WE SURE SHE'S DEAD?
YOU DOUBT, MISTRESS? THE HOUSING FOR THE FORCE THAT GAVE PASSION LIFE HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
A WORD TO THE WISE, HEMORRHAGE, DON'T DOUBT IN YOUR ABILITIES... MY ABILITIES IT DOESN'T BECOME YOU.

THEIR MAIN HEADQUARTERS DESTROYED BY THE VAST ARMY OF THE UNSEELIE CONGRESS, ALL OF WHOM ARE MINIONS OF MISTRESS NYX, WHAT REMAINS OF THE DANSE MACABRE GATHER IN A HIDDEN REFUGE BENEATH THE STREETS OF SALEM.
...AND SO WE MOURN OUR FRIENDS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE BATTLE AGAINST MISTRESS NYX.
THE DESTRUCTION OF PASSION IS ONLY THE LATEST MISFORTUNE WE HAVE SUFFERED.
DANSERS PORTER, WILD, PERVISH, AND OF COURSE, ADAM VAN HELSING. WITH THEIR NAMES ON OUR LIPS--
ENOUGH!!
I DON'T EVER WANT TO HEAR YOU SPEAK MY ADAM'S NAME AGAIN, SABASTIAN. YOU ARE A POSEUR AND A FRAUD, AND WERE IT NOT FOR YOU, HE MIGHT YET LIVE.
VAMPIRELLA, HOW CAN YOU ...?
YOU PLAYED THE ROLE MASTERFULLY, DIDN'T YOU? ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING MAGE, A POWER IN THE WORLD... BUT YOU WEREN'T PREPARED FOR MISTRESS NYX, WERE YOU?
YOU, SABASTIAN, ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A CHILD TAGGING ALONG WITH YOUR ELDERS, DESPERATE TO TAKE PART IN MATTERS THAT ARE BEYOND YOU.
THE ILLUSION IS GONE, SABASTIAN. I'LL NOT LISTEN TO YOU ANY LONGER. FROM NOW ON, WE MOVE WHEN AND WHERE I DECIDE. ANY THAT DISAGREE MAY TAKE THEIR CHANCES WITH MISTRESS NYX.


VAMPIRELLA, WAIT FOR US, PLEASE.
YOU SHOULD NOT BE ALONE NOW
IRVING WILL CHEER YOU UP, PRETTY LADY.
NOT NOW, OLD FRIEND. I NEED A FEW MOMENTS TO MYSELF JUST NOW.
THEN WE SHALL DISCUSS OUR FIRST STEPS TOWARD VENGEANCE.
ON THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, THE SON OF MAN BEGGED HIS FATHER TO FREE HIM FROM HIS DESTINY. HE WAS TO BE THE BURNING LIGHT OF EXAMPLE, THE SAVIOR AND THE SACRIFICE THAT CLEANSED THE WORLD OF EVIL.
BEFORE HE ACCEPTED HIS FATE, HE WEPT TEARS OF BLOOD. HE WAS AFRAID.
VAMPIRELLA CAN FEEL HER DESTINY RUSHING TOWARD HER, INEVITABLE AND UNRELENTING. YET HER ONLY FEAR IS THAT IT WILL ARRIVE BEFORE SHE CAN DESTROY MISTRESS NYX.
WHEN SHE SENSES HIS PRESENCE, SMELLS HIS ODOR IN HER ROOM -- SHE IS ANGRY WITH HERSELF FOR NOT HAVING NOTICED IT BEFORE, AND FURIOUS WITH HIM FOR INTRUDING UPON HER PAIN.
YOU'VE PUSHED TOO FAR THIS TIME, SQUASH! ENOUGH COWERING IN THE SHADOWS, YOUR LIFE IS OVER!
UHRKK!

YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO TELL ME HOW YOU FOUND ME HERE, AND WHY.
I was s-s-searching for you...followed your ship from the headquarters of the Danse...to tell you... Nyx now commands the Unseelie Congress ...I can take you to their lair.
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MADE YOURSELF USEFUL.
I WARN YOU, THOUGH: IF THIS IS A TRAP, YOU WILL DIE BEFORE I DO.
DEATH IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, VAMPIRELLA.
KATHLEEN? PASSION? BUT I WAS TOLD THAT NYX HAD...
MURDERED US, IT IS TRUE. BOTH KATHLEEN BENWAY AND THE CREATURE ONCE KNOWN AS PASSION WERE SLAUGHTERED. I WAS MADE FROM THEIR MURDER, AND SOUGHT YOU OUT.
SQUASH FOLLOWED US HERE. BUT HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?
I AM OF THE DEAD NOW, AND CAN HEAR THE SONG SUNG BY THOSE WHO GRIEVE. I FOLLOWED THE SONG.
I AM DEATH AND RESURRECTION UNITED AS ONE. AND I HAVE COME TO SHOW YOU THAT FROM TRAGEDY CAN EMERGE BEAUTY, AND VICTORY, AND VENGEANCE!
THANK CIRCE YOU STILL LIVE! YOU BRING ME HOPE THAT WE MIGHT YET TRIUMPH!

TOGETHER, WE SHALL DESTROY MISTRESS NYX!
FIRST, WE WILL TEAR APART WHAT SHE HAS BEGUN TO BUILD, STRIKING DOWN THOSE CREATURES OF THE NIGHT WHO HAVE BECOME HER ALLIES.
THEN I WILL MAKE THE CHAOS-BITCH SUFFER JUST AS SHE HAS MADE ME SUFFER, AND IN THE END..
..I WILL FEAST ON HER PULSING BLACK HEART!
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SALEM
NYX HAS TAINTED EVEN THE OCEAN WITH HER CHAOTIC POISONS. IT BOILS LIKE A CAULDRON.
SMELL THE AIR, PASSION, IT'S WORSE THAN YOU THINK. THAT ISN'T WATER, IT'S BLOOD!
NYX HAS BEGUN TO REMAKE THE WORLD IN HER IMAGE. WE ARE ALL THAT STAND IN HER WAY.
THERE IT IS. BE CAREFUL ON THE CLIFF FACE. ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU'LL BE SHATTERED ON THOSE ROCKS.
I'M SURPRISED YOU HAD THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO MAKE THE CLIMB THE FIRST TIME
FRANKLY, SO AM I. BUT Y'KNOW, I'VE SEEN NYX UP CLOSE, AND I'M STILL GOING BACK. THAT OUGHTA COUNT FOR SOMETHING
GA-GA FELT MISTRESS NYX LEAVE SALEM, AND THUS FAR SHE HAS NOT COME BACK. THAT IS THE REASON WE ATTACK THE UNSEELIE CONGRESS NOW.
LIKE A MYTH, NYX FEEDS ON THE POWER OF FAITH. SHE SEEMS INVULNERABLE, HER FOLLOWERS BELIEVE IT OF HER, THUS IT BECOMES TRUE.
INDEED. IF WE CAN TEAR DOWN THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MYTH, WE DESTROY HER ARMY, HER SECURITY, BUT WE ALSO DRAIN SOME OF HER ACTUAL, PHYSICAL AND MAGICAL POWER.
I'M TELLING YOU, WE MUST STAND TOGETHER AND PUT ALL OF OUR POWER BEHIND MISTRESS NYX. IF WE DO THAT, WE CAN BANISH THE LIGHT FOREVER.
OUR DESTINY LIES WITH NYX!
HOW SAD FOR YOU...

VAMPIRELLA IS A PREDATOR. THIS, HOWEVER, IS NOT A HUNT. IT IS A MASSACRE.

NO! IT IS THE LIGHT OF DARKNESS! WE MUST FLEEEEEE

EVEN THE OPPORTUNISTIC KUTTHROAT MOONDARK IS A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT

...NOW, KUTTHROAT, YOU SHALL FACE THE VENGEANCE OF VAMPIRELLA!

VAMPIRELLA DOESN'T GIVE HIM THAT OPPORTUNITY. KUTTHROAT BARELY HAS A CHANCE TO REACT, NEVER MIND THE TIME TO ISSUE HIS USUAL BARRAGE OF THREATS AND BOASTS.

KUTTHROAT MOONDARK! YOU TOOK YOUR NAME FROM YOUR FAVORITE METHOD OF MURDER. IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT IT BE THE MANNER OF YOUR OWN!
WHEN YOU GET TO HELL, OR WHEREVER YOUR KIND GO, GIVE YOUR BROTHER MY REGARDS!
THEIR LEADER HAS FALLEN, NOW WE DESTROY ALL THE FOLLOWERS OF MISTRESS NYX!
VAMPIRELLA! PASSION! ANYBODY ...HELP!
YOU HURT ME, LITTLE BEAST. DEATH IS THE BEST YOU CAN HOPE FOR.
THEN I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR, CREATURE.
VAMPIRELLA...

IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, SQUASH. THE BANSHEE IS DEAD.
JEREMIAH.. MY.. REAL NAME... IS... JERE.
YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR REST, JEREMIAH, AND YOUR REDEMPTION.

From out of the warren of tunnels come more monsters, the many races of night beasts merged within the Unseelie Congress. Sadly, this is only one small portion of their massive numbers

The need for words is long past, and the killing proceeds in an ugly silence punctuated by the impact of weapons on flesh and the expiring sighs and grunts of monsters

As Vampirella instructed, one creature is allowed to escape, to bring word of their triumph to Mistress Nyx.

She will be less than pleased.

Though these creatures were only a fraction of the population of night beasts, their destruction, and its effects on Nyx, is a significant victory
Vampirella wonders why it is, then, that she does not feel the joy that usually accompanies victory.
Instead of delight, she feels disgust instead of exultation, she merely feels nauseous.
And still her heart cries out for vengeance.
IT IS BEGUN.

COBBS FERRY, NEW YORK.
THOUGH MAGDALENE, DAUGHTER OF LILITH, SISTER OF VAMPIRELLA, MOTHER OF THINGS MOST FOUL, IS DEAD...
...MANY OF HER OFFSPRING STILL LIVE. THEY ARE CALLED THE PROGENY, AND THEIR MERE EXISTENCE OFFENDS ALL CREATION.
EVEN AS SHE LANDS, SHE IS PREPARED FOR BATTLE, FOR MURDER, FOR HER OWN DEATH IF NECESSARY. SHE HAS TRACKED THE PROGENY DOZENS OF TIMES, SLAIN HUNDREDS OF THEM.
SHE BELIEVES SHE IS PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. BUT THERE IS ONE THING SHE NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND...
NOTHING? WHERE THE...
...NO.
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME. I CAN SMELL YOUR BLOOD! I CAN SMELL YOUR...
SHE IS CALLED HUNTER.
IT IS NOT A NAME, BUT A DEFINITION.

...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
LOOKING FOR THE BLOOD OF THE PROGENY, EH? BY ALL MEANS...
...HAVE SOME!
I'M GLAD YOU FANCY YOURSELF A PREDATOR, GIRL
YOUR FINAL LESSON, THEN
THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING BIGGER, MEANER AND HUNGRIER THAN YOU
THE NATURE OF THE BEAST
I DON'T KNOW! I SWEAR I DON'T!
BUT STILL YOU ARE HER ALLY

HEMORRHAGE, KILL HER FOR ME, THEN WE'LL BATHE TOGETHER IN HER BLOOD.
MISTRESS, I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.
"SEE, I'M HOT-BLOODED, CATCH IT AND SEE GOT A FEVER OF A HUNDRED AND THREE
"...COME ON BABY DO YA DO MORE THAN DANCE? 'I'M HOT-BLOODED. HOT-BLOODED!"
YOUR BITCH MADE A MISTAKE LETTING ME GO, LUNATIC. I'LL HAVE YOUR HEAD, NOW, FOR MY TROPHY WALL.
HOW SHALL I KILL YOU? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS
WELL, THE BEST WAY WOULD BE WITH YOUR OWN CHOSEN WEAPON.
YOU COULD ALMOST SAY I HAD SWORD ENVY, BUT THEN--
--MINE'S BIGGER!
MY PET, I DO SO LOVE
THAT WAS NOTHING, MISTRESS NYX. A WALK IN THE PARK, A DAY AT THE BEACH, A PIECE OF CAKE... YOU GET THE IDEA CAN'T WE FIND SOME-THING MORE DIFFICULT?
DON'T WORRY, HEMORRHAGE, THIS IS ONLY

SALEM
HE SITS IN THE CLINGING DARKNESS, SENSING THE APPROACH OF ONE WHO WIELDS THE POWER OF SHADOW...

...ON THE SERVICE OF LIGHT.

OLIVIER WAS PRINCE OF THE ARCHANGELS BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR ERUPTED IN HEAVEN.

HE SIDED WITH LUCIFER AND FELL WITH THE REST OF THEM

OLIVIER KNEW SHE WOULD EVENTUALLY SEEK HIM OUT, BUT DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS SOON.

THINGS MUST BE DIRE INDEED FOR THE WOMAN CALLED...

...VAMPIRELLA
ENTER AND SPEAK YOUR PEACE
SUCH A WARM GREETING, OLIVIER... SOMETHING I WOULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED FROM YOUR KIND.
A RACIST COMMENT FROM ONE WHOSE MOTHER SPAWNED THE MYRIAD CREATURES OF DARKNESS.
I SHOULD BE INSULTED, BUT I'M NOT
WE DEMONS ARE A TOLERANT BREED, AND QUITE PATIENT, DESPITE RUMOR TO THE CONTRARY.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, WOMAN?
I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THE SITUATION THE OUTSIDE WORLD FACES AGAINST MISTRESS NYX.
AND I'M ALSO SURE THAT YOU KNOW ALL MANNER OF SUPERNATURAL BEASTS HAVE SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO HER...

"...ALL EXCEPT YOU AND YOURS."
YOU SPEAK THE OBVIOUS, VAMPIRELLA. PLEASE, GET TO THE POINT.
SINCE YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN SIDES, I HAVE COME TO ASK THAT YOU AND THOSE THAT FOLLOW YOUR COMMAND TAKE UP SIDES WITH US IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST NYX...
...BUT IF THAT SHOULD PROVE DISTASTEFUL, I REQUEST THAT YOU REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE CONFRONTATION THAT IS TO COME.
DEMONS ALLYING THEMSELVES WITH THE RAGTAG FORCES OF ORDER? I MUST SAY THAT IS QUITE THE GROUND-BREAKING CONCEPT.
UNITING AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY AND ALL THAT, THRILLING!
MY, THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGING!
WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER, DEMON?
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE COME A TAD TOO LATE, MY SWEET. WE'VE ALREADY MADE OUR DECISION.
WE'VE DECIDED TO GO WITH THE WINNING TEAM. SORRY.

I WAS HOPING MY PRECONCIEVED IDEAS ABOUT YOUR KIND WOULD BE WRONG.
I'M DISAPPOINTED, BUT NOT SURPRISED.
I'M A DEMON, FOR !%@#! SAKE! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?!
"TEAR HER APART!"
WHAT'S THE MATTER, OLIVIER? DON'T YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME AS WELL?!
ONLY YOUR HEAD ON A PLATE.
THAT SHOULD MAKE THE CHAOS BITCH HAPPY.

BRING HER DOWN!

ARGH!

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION, OLIVIER?

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

YOU DARE CALL YOURSELVES DEMONS?!

KRACK!
WHEN THE TIME COMES AND IT SHALL, YOU AND THOSE THAT FOLLOW YOU WILL BE SHOWN NO MERCY!
SO BE IT, AND EXPECT NONE IN RETURN! YOU HAVE WORN OUT YOUR WELCOME, VAMPIRELLA! GO NOW, BEFORE I SUMMON ANOTHER HORDE TO TAKE YOU DOWN!
WHEN I ARRIVED, THINGS WERE STILL UNCLEAR, OLIVIER, BUT NOW I KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE ENEMY. WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER SOON, DEMON...
"...ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE!"
OLIVIER WATCHES AS VAMPIRELLA LEAVES HIS DOMAIN, HER WARNING WORDS REVERBERATING IN HIS EARS, THE FRESH SCENT OF HER KILL SWIRLING AT HIS NOSTRILS AND HE WONDERS IF, IN FACT, HE HAS PICKED THE WINNING TEAM.

CURSED TO WANDER THE EARTH FOREVER FOR THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER, ABEL, HE THOUGHT HE HAD FINALLY EARNED A CHANCE AT A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET--A CHANCE TO SETTLE DOWN AND FIND SOMETHING TO ENJOY IN THE PRISON OF IMMORTALITY.
HE BOUGHT THIS TAVERN IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, ARIZONA, AND PREPARED TO BE BORED FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
THE MAN NOW KNOWN AS WALKER WAS AMAZED AT HOW WRONG ONE MAN CAN BE.
THE DAY BEGAN LIKE ALL THE OTHERS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS: DULL AND MUNDANE--
--UNTIL THE STRANGELY DRESSED GUY WITH THE BLOND CREW CUT CAME INTO THE BAR..
...AT ALL WENT DOWNHILL FROM THERE.
LIQUOR UP FRONT POKER IN THE REAR
WHOOWEE! IS IT HOT OUT THERE, OR IS IT ME?
HEY, BUBBA, CAUGHT THESE GUYS SNEAKING OUT THE BACK, BUT DON'T WORRY NONE, GOOD BUDDY, I MADE SURE THEY DIDN'T STIFF YOU.
YOU MIGHT SAY I TAPPED THEM FOR THE FULL TAB PLUS TIP!
HERE, COUNT IT YOURSELF!
HE DOESN'T WANT TO USE IT, BUT THERE'S LITTLE CHOICE. IT'S CALLED THE HELL-WORM AND ITS PLACE OF ORIGIN IS OBVIOUS.
ARRRGH! YA SHOULDN'T HAVE, BUT SINCE WE'RE EXCHANGING GIFTS, I GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU AS WELL!

WALKER HAS BEEN THE INFERNAL WEAPON'S KEEPER SINCE HE THWARTED AN INVASION ATTEMPT FROM THE HORDES OF HELL OVER THIRTY THOUSAND YEARS AGO. IT IS NOT A WEAPON HE CARES TO USE...
...BUT THE SITUATION HAS LEFT HIM LITTLE CHOICE. HE IS IMMORTAL, NOT INVINCIBLE. THE MADMAN HE FACES HAS THE ABILITY TO END HIS LONG LIFE.
SAY AHHHHHHH, YOU SON OF A BITCH!!
WHOA!
TALK ABOUT YOUR PROJECTILE VOMITING!
THE HELLWORM IS VAMPIRIC IN NATURE, DRAINING ITS USER OF PRECIOUS LIFE FORCE, GROWING FAT ON THE RICH SPIRIT-ENERGY OF ITS WIELDER.
I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU THOUGHT THIS GUY MIGHT BE OUT OF MY LEAGUE.
DID YOU HEAR ME, MY LOVE? I WAS WRONG!
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THE HELLWORM CANNOT BE USED FOR ANY GREAT LENGTH OF TIME.
TOO LATE TO TRY AND MAKE NICE. THIS SHOULD ONLY HURT REAL BAD FOR A WHILE.
ANYTIME YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT, MISTRESS! HELLO?!

...ALREADY, MY DARLING HEMORRHAGE. WHERE IS THE INITIATIVE YOU EXHIBITED ON OUR PREVIOUS KILLS?
NO COMMENT? I DON'T THINK THIS WOULD BE
I TOLD YOU HE WAS DANGEROUS. MORE POWERFUL THAN THE OTHERS I HAVE SLAIN. ONE OF THE FIRST HUMANS TO WALK EARTH. THAT MUST COUNT FOR SOMETHING.
SPLOOOSH
MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE, YOU PASTY-FACED BITCH!
...POWER. I CAN ALMOST FEEL THE WEAPON AGAINST MY...
...IMAGINE THE CONTROL OF SUCH A POWERFUL WEAPON REQUIRES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF STRENGTH. AM I CORRECT, CAIN?
THE WORM... THE WORM WAS CREATED TO DESTROY CREATURES OF HEAVENLY POWER ...ANGELS!
WHO... ARE ...YOU?!

HEAVENLY BODY, MOST DEFINITELY.

I'M THE ONE WHO WILL DRAG THIS WORLD OF HUMAN SCREAMING INTO THE ABYSS.

FZZZZPPT!

I AM MISTRESS NYX.

MISTRESS, I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR SPORT, BUT VAMPIRELLA HAS INVADED THE SANCTUM OF THE *UNSEELIE* CONGRESS AND LAID WASTE TO--

WE SHOULD HAVE KILLED VAMPIRELLA FIRST.

I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED AS MUCH AS I ATTACK WHAT IS DEAR TO VAMPIRELLA SHE ATTACKS WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

LOOK AT YOU, ALL GORGED WITH LIFE.

ALWAYS SAID I'D DIE BEFORE I LET YOU GET AWAY FROM ME.

DON'T MAKE A *LIAR* OUT OF ME.

THE BITCH IS CUNNING. AGAIN I'M FORCED TO ADMIRE HER.

THOSE WE HAVE SLAIN WOULD NEVER HAVE ACCEPTED MY SUPREMACY. THEY NEEDED TO BE ELIMINATED.

ALONE WITH OUR FRIEND HERE.

THAT'S IT! COME AND GET SOME.

I HOPE YOU CHOKE, YOU SON OF A--

CHOMP!

I BELIEVE THESE HUNTING EXCURSIONS HAVE DONE US WELL.

HEALTHY DISTRACTIONS FROM THE PROBLEMS AT HAND.

NOW WE ARE READY TO CONFRONT THESE DEMONS.

LET'S GO TO WORK.

SALEM.
SOMETIME LATER...
AH, I LOVE THE SMELL OF CARNAGE IN THE MORNING!
VAMPIRELLA'S ATTACK ON THE UNSEELIE CONGRESS WAS EFFECTIVE, BUT ALSO FOOLISH. THE ASSAULT CONFIRMED FOR MISTRESS NYX THAT VAMPIRELLA WAS STILL IN SALEM
THESE LITTLE BUDDIES ARE EVEN FRESHER THEN THE LAST BUNCH. WE'RE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I'D SAY WE'RE GETTING CLOSE.
I'LL LOOK FORWORD TO TAKING THE WITCH'S HEART.
REALLY. DO YOU TWO HONESTLY THINK VAMPIRELLA WOULD BE FOOL ENOUGH TO LEAVE SUCH A TRAIL UNKNOWINGLY?
NYX'S INSTRUCTION TO HEMORRHAGE WAS HARSH AND SPECIFIC: "DO NOT RETURN TO ME UNLESS YOU HAVE FOUND VAMPIRELLA."
YOU'RE STARTING TO PISS ME OFF, BYRON. TRY AN' REMEMBER, MY HANDS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TOUCH YOU...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T HURT YOU.
"FAR AS VAMPIRELLA'S CONCERNED, IF SHE CAN'T SENSE PURSUIT, THEN SHE'S GONNA FIGURE SHE'S SAFE.
"BUT BLOOD WHISPERS TO ME, BYRON. IT'S A BETTER TRAIL THAN BREAD CRUMBS."
BYRON, GO ON BACK AND TELL NYX WE FOUND VAMPIRELLA. PROBABLY FOUND 'EM ALL. ME AND CRAGSKULL ARE GONNA ROUND UP THE USUAL SUSPECTS, AND PAY OUR FRIENDS A LITTLE VISIT.

WELL, THERE IT IS. THE DEMONS HAVE ALLIED THEMSELVES WITH NYX. WE HAVE NO MORE ALLIES.
SO BE IT. WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO DESTROY THE CHAOS BEAST ON OUR OWN.
GOOD! WE ATTACK NYX IN HER LAIR IN SIX HOURS. SABASTIAN, PREPARE YOUR FORCES.
...scritch...
VAMPIRELLA, IS THIS THE WISEST COURSE? PUTTING OUR COLLECTIVE HEADS IN THE LION'S MOUTH? ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY?
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY... I need a drink.
WE WILL TRIUMPH OR WE WILL DIE, OLD FRIEND. DOES IT MATTER IF WE WAIT ANOTHER DAY TO SEE THE OUTCOME?
...squeak...
...scritch...
AAIEEE! MAKE IT STOP! MAKE IT STOP!!
GA-GA, STOP! YOU'RE HURTING US!
SABASTIAN, YOU HEARTLESS SON OF A... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THIS PSYCHIC FEEDBACK IS A REFLECTION OF THE POOR CHILD'S OWN AGONY?

GA-GA, WHAT IS IT, CHILD?
The darkness is coming! She is coming! Chaos knows where we are now!
She only thinks about us, and it burns!
Scritch...
Scritch...
NO, NOT YET. WE'RE NOT READY. WE NEED TIME, REIN-FORCEMENTS...
...STAND BACK, ALL OF YOU. AND BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.
...Squeak...
MURDER
HEMORRHAGE!
Y'KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THAT MOVIE. THE LITTLE KID KILLS ME. "REDRUM REDRUM." REMINDS ME OF ME AT THAT AGE!

YEEEEE-HAAW!
oh... shit.
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# CHAPTER 3

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AMAZINGLY, THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE.
MISTRESS NYX, THE PHYSICAL EMBODIMENT OF THE DARK POWERS OF CHAOS, HAS AMASSED ALL HER SUPERNATURAL HORDES TO STRIKE AGAINST THE FORCES OF LIGHT.
VALIANTLY, VAMPIRELLA AND HER ALLIES FIGHT AGAINST NYX'S UNHOLY ONSLAUGHT, BUT ONE BY ONE THEY BEGIN TO FALL.
ONLY A FEW REMAIN ALIVE TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE AGAINST MISTRESS NYX AND HER PLANS FOR ABSOLUTE CHAOS.
NOW, THE DIMINISHED FORCES OF LIGHT FACE THEIR GREATEST CHALLENGE. THE PRIZE. THE FUTURE OF HUMAN EXISTENCE.

THIS IS WHAT I LIVE FOR, TO BRING A CRIMSON SMILE TO EVERYONE'S THROAT!

HUK-KKKK!*

RELAX, MISS! I'M A DOCTOR ...A SURGEON, REALLY...

...I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS AS PAINFUL AS POSSIBLE...

...FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!

Make a wish, sir! Hee hee hee hee hee!

NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR LEVITY, GA-GA. NOW IS THE TIME FOR CONTINUED SURVIVAL!

I'm sorry, Mr. Sabastian, sir! It's just so cool to be moving around outside, and....

MONSTER!

I WILL SHOW YOU AS MUCH MERCY WHEN I REND YOU LIMB FROM BLOODY LIMB!

Eeeeeeeeee!!

YEEARGH!!*

SHIT! JUST LOOK AT THE MESS I'VE MADE! IF SOMEONE ISN'T CAREFUL...

...SHE MIGHT SLIP AND REALLY HURT HERSELF!

WHAT?!

WHAT OF THIS ONE, MISTRESS? WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH IT?

Mr. Sabastian! Don't leave me alone, please! I'll be good! I promise! Please!

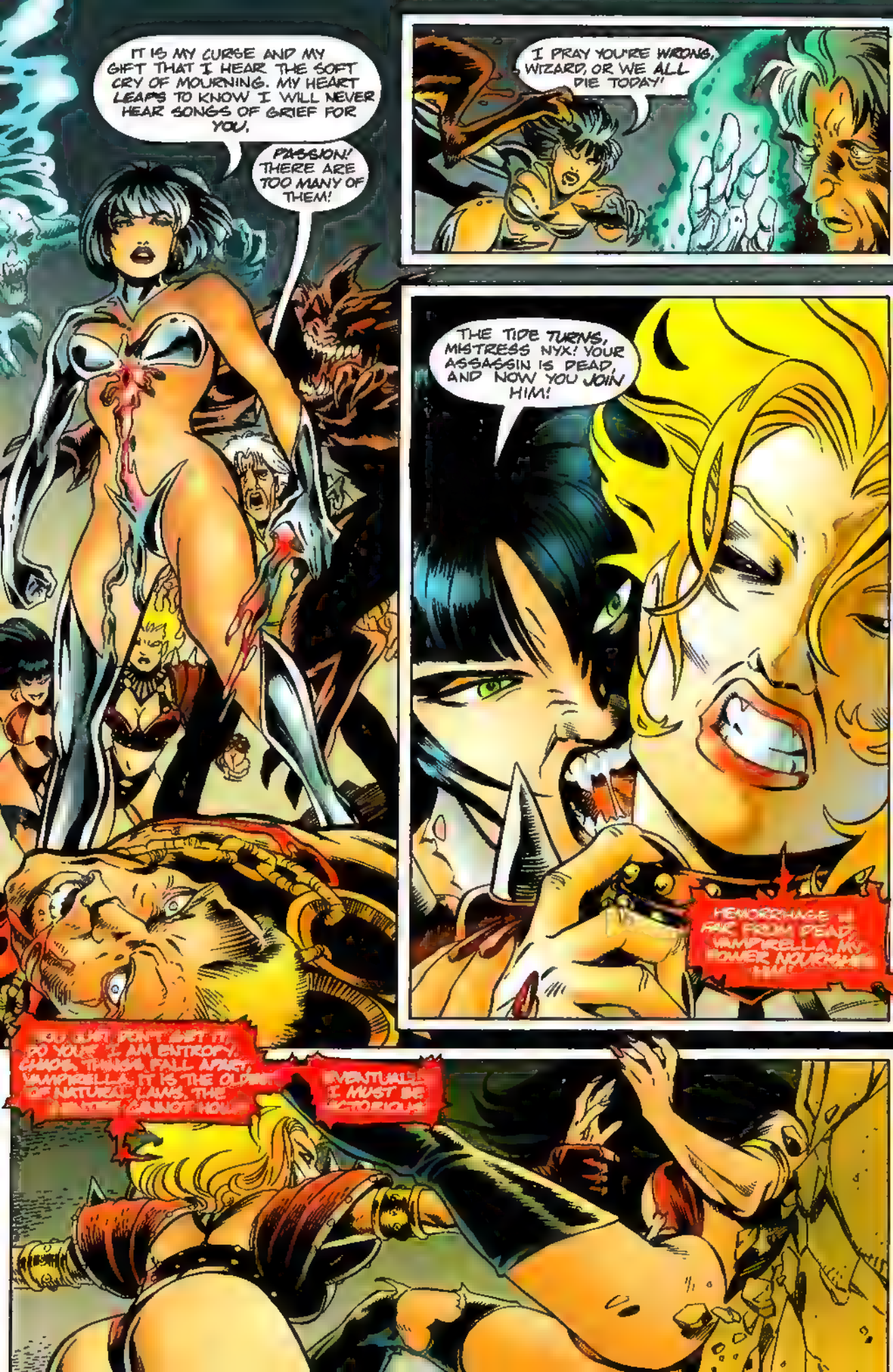
ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES, HEMORRHAGE...
...IT ENDS HERE!
HELLO DARLING, STILL ANGRY AT ME FOR KILLING YOU BOY TOY?!
LILITH, GIVE ME STRENGTH--
--TO KILL THIS CHAOS BITCH!!

I'LL TEAR THOSE TWISTED FANTASIES FROM YOUR BREAST ALONG WITH YOUR PULSING HEART!
THIS IS MY WORLD, FIENDISH WENCH! YOU'LL NOT HAVE IT!
MAN! NOTHING LIKE A RINGSIDE SEAT!

ENOUGH!
I HAVE INDULGED YOU LONG ENOUGH, VAMPIRELLA!
FEAR NOT, VAMPIRELLA! THE CAVALRY IS HERE!
UHNNF!!
I'M HERE, PRETTY LADY! IRVING IS COMING TO THE UMMPF...
FINAL CURTAIN, MAGICIAN! YOU AND GIZMO HERE HAVE FUMBLED THE BALL FOR THE LAST TIME! HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE BREATHING THING. SUFFOCATION WOULDN'T BE NEAR PAINFUL ENOUGH!
STOP HURTING MAGIC MAN RIGHT NOW, OR IRVING WILL MAKE YOU SORRY!
YEAH, WHATEVER. DIDN'T YODA DIE IN THE THIRD MOVIE?
AAAAAH
SHIT, THAT HURT!

IRVING WARNED YOU, BLOODYNOSE MAN! STAY AWAY!
YOU SURPRISED ME ONCE, MUNCHKIN! I'LL JUST KILL YOU QUICK!
I DON'T THINK SO!
YOU
I KILLED YOU! YOU AND YOUR FLESHY LITTLE GIRL-FRIEND!
INDEED YOU DID! BUT WE'RE BACK! WITH A VENGEANCE!

MAN, THIS IS FUN! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET A CHANCE TO KILL SOMEBODY TWICE!
YOU CAN'T KILL WHAT'S ALREADY--
PLAP!


IT IS MY CURSE AND MY GIFT THAT I HEAR THE SOFT CRY OF MOURNING. MY HEART LEAPS TO KNOW I WILL NEVER HEAR SONGS OF GRIEF FOR YOU.
PASSION! THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!
I PRAY YOU'RE WRONG, WIZARD, OR WE ALL DIE TODAY!
THE TIDE TURNS, MISTRESS NYX! YOUR ASSASSIN IS DEAD, AND NOW YOU JOIN HIM!
HEMORRHAGE FAR FROM DEAD, VAMPIRELLA. MY POWER NOURISHES
EVENTUALLY I MUST BE VICTORIOUS

THE LAST OF THE DARK WALTZ SOLDIERS RETREAT UNDER THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE MONSTROUS HORDES.

BRING ME THEIR HEARTS! THEN IT WILL BE VAMPIRELLA'S TURN!

OLD NEGRI LOST HIS SON AND HIS SIGHT TO VAMPIRELLA. HIS ALL-CONSUMING NEED TO DESTROY HER IS SO POWERFUL THAT HIS CLAN FOLLOWS HIM, DESPITE HIS BLINDNESS.

FOR MISTRESS NYX! SHE, WHO WILL FEED US VAMPIRELLA'S BLOOD!

DIE, YOU HUMAN DOG!

NEGRI

Huh?

OLD NEGRI LOST HIS VISION TO VAMPIRELLA'S CLAWS. IN A SENSE, HE WAS LUCKY.

HE COULD NOT SEE DEATH COMING FOR HIM, ITS JAWS WIDENING, FANGS GLEAMING, SNAPPING, TEARING.

DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF LUCK.

HER NAME IS PANTHA IN SILENCE, SHE DESTROYS.
DAMN YOU ALL! THERE'S ONLY ONE OF HER! KILL HER!
HER TRANSFOMATION IS A THING OF TERRIBLE BEAUTY.
HER SLEEK SABLE COAT IS DRENCHED IN BLOOD.
WHEN IT IS OVER, PANTHA HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED VAMPIRELLA'S ODDS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST MISTRESS NYX.
IN SILENCE, SHE DEPARTS.

YOUR EVENTUAL DEFEAT WILL BE THE SWEETEST OF VICTORIES, DEMONESS!
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE FOR ME, MONSTERS?! IF THAT'S THE CASE, I AM SORELY DISAPPOINTED!
I'LL NEVER ADMIT DEFEAT TO THE LIKES OF YOU!

DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?
UNFF
WOUMPP!

IT APPEARS THAT OUR FRIEND STILL REQUIRES OUR AID.
SHALL WE ASSIST HER FURTHER, MY LITTLE--OUMPH!
LITTLE OUMPH? WHAT'S THAT MEAN, MAGIC MAN?
YIKES!
IT'S THE BLOODY NOSE...
THIS'S FOR BEFORE, PIPSQUEAK!

...MAAAAAHHH!

HEY, GANG, GOT A JOKE FOR YOU!

Oh dear, I think I hurt, yes, yes...

WHAT DO YOU CALL A DEMON RUNT DANGLING ON THE END OF A SPEAR?! GIVE UP?!

HILARIOUS! HAHAHAHAH

IRVING?!

NO!

PENDRAGON CAN FEEL THE RESTRAINTS SNAP AND FALL AWAY.

IT'S OVER NOW, HEMORRHAGE. YOUR SICK, TWISTED ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS' PAIN HAS FINALLY COME TO AN END!

THERE HAD BEEN A LOCK OF SORTS, WITHIN HIS MIND; A LOCK ON A PSYCHIC DOOR THAT HELD BACK THE FEARFUL, MYSTICAL POWER.

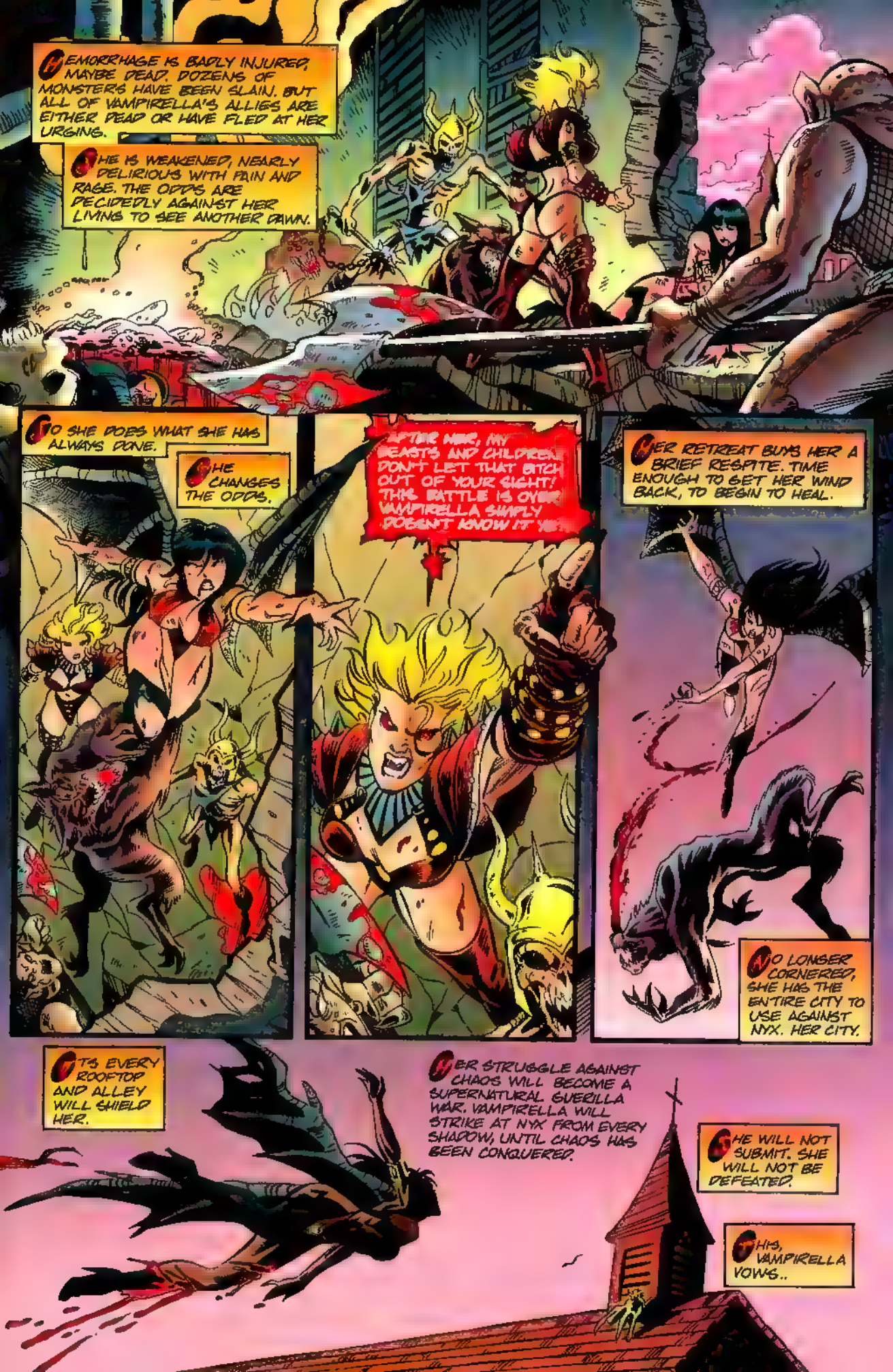
AND YOU'RE GONNA STOP ME, OLD MAN? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU CAN HARDLY HOLD YOUR OWN PISS!

NOW, WITH THE COMING OF MISTRESS NYX, AND THE DEATHS OF SO MANY THAT HE DEEPLY CARED FOR, MORDECAI PENDRAGON APPROACHES THAT LOCKED DOOR AND SLOWLY WITHDRAWS A KEY. HE HAS NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE.

GO TO HELL!

YEEEAAARRRG

PENDRAGON? ARE YOU WELL?
Wasn't fast enough to save him. I... I WISH THAT I HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL HIM HOW MUCH I WAS BEGINNING TO ENJOY HIS COMPANY.
PENDRAGON! YOU MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE! THERE IS ONLY DEATH FOR YOU HERE!
SHOULDN'T WE...
NO. WE DO WHAT SHE ASKS.
DRAWING IN A QUICK BREATH OF DEATH-FILLED AIR, PENDRAGON MUTTERS A SPELL OF TRANSPORTATION THAT WILL TAKE HIM AND PASSION FROM THIS PLACE OF DEATH.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? YOU WILL BOTH BE NEEDED LATER!
GO!
AS THEY FADE FROM THIS PLACE TO THE NEXT, PENDRAGON'S EYES HOLD ONTO THE IMAGE OF HIS MOST DEAR FRIEND, LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT, AND SEARS THAT SIGHT FOREVER INTO HIS BRAIN.
HE FEARS SHE WILL NOT SURVIVE AND WISHES TO REMEMBER HER AS SHE IS...
...ALIVE, FIGHTING AND FULL OF LIFE.


HEMORRHAGE IS BADLY INJURED, MAYBE DEAD. DOZENS OF MONSTERS HAVE BEEN SLAIN. BUT ALL OF VAMPIRELLA'S ALLIES ARE EITHER DEAD OR HAVE FLED AT HER URGING.
SHE IS WEAKENED, NEARLY DELIRIOUS WITH PAIN AND RAGE. THE ODDS ARE DECIDEDLY AGAINST HER LIVING TO SEE ANOTHER DAWN.
SO SHE DOES WHAT SHE HAS ALWAYS DONE.
SHE CHANGES THE ODDS.
AFTER HER, MY BEASTS AND CHILDREN! DON'T LET THAT BITCH OUT OF YOUR SIGHT! THIS BATTLE IS OVER VAMPIRELLA SIMPLY DOESN'T KNOW IT YET.
HER RETREAT BUYS HER A BRIEF RESPITE. TIME ENOUGH TO GET HER WIND BACK, TO BEGIN TO HEAL.
NO LONGER CORNERED, SHE HAS THE ENTIRE CITY TO USE AGAINST NYX. HER CITY.
IT'S EVERY ROOFTOP AND ALLEY WILL SHIELD HER.
HER STRUGGLE AGAINST CHAOS WILL BECOME A SUPERNATURAL GUERILLA WAR. VAMPIRELLA WILL STRIKE AT NYX FROM EVERY SHADOW, UNTIL CHAOS HAS BEEN CONQUERED.
SHE WILL NOT SUBMIT. SHE WILL NOT BE DEFEATED.
THIS, VAMPIRELLA VOWS..

ON VAIN.
OLIVIER!
NO FURTHER, VAMPIRELLA! YOU ARE AN ADMIRABLE WARRIOR. OUT OF RESPECT, WE CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL BATTLE.
YET, OUR COVENANT WITH NYX WOULD BE VIOLATED IF WE WERE TO ALLOW YOU TO ESCAPE. IM SORRY, VAMPIRELLA.
THIS BATTLE MUST BE FOUGHT TO THE FINISH!
WHEN THE DEMONS ARE THROUGH WITH VAMPIRELLA, THEY SIMPLY LET HER GO.
FALLING, SHE DOES NOT THINK OF THE IMPACT TO COME.
RATHER, THE TERRIBLE, BURNING PAIN AT HER BACK WHERE WINGS ONCE GREW, REMINDS HER OF EVERYTHING MISTRESS NYX HAS TAKEN FROM HER.
SHE BARELY FEELS THE IMPACT. IMAGES AND EMOTIONS SWIRL WITHIN HER.
TORTER.
TERVISH.
WILDE.
HELPLESS GA-GA.
SWEET, SWEET LITTLE IRVING.

AND HER ONLY LOVE, HER HEART OF HEARTS, TORN FROM HER BREAST STILL BEATING THE MAN FROM WHOM VAMPIRELLA LEARNED WHAT IT WAS TO BE GOOD, AND KIND, AND...
COME, VAMPIRELLA... STOP WASTING MY TIME... YOUR DEATH AWAITS...
...HUMAN.
ADAM!

ONCE THERE WAS A GIRL--A LITTLE SLIP OF A THING, REALLY-- WHO WAS LOST ON A WORLD OBSESSED WITH GOOD AND EVIL. A MAN NAMED ADAM TOOK THE GIRL INTO HIS HOME AND HIS EMBRACE, AND SOON, SHE BECAME A WOMAN.
WITHOUT FAIL, BOTH GOOD AND EVIL FEARED HER. SHE WAS THE LIGHT IN DARKNESS. IN TRUTH, SHE FRIGHTENED EVEN HERSELF. SHE STRUGGLED TO UNDERSTAND GOOD AND EVIL, AND THE FINE LINE THAT SEPARATED THE TWO. FINALLY, SHE CAME TO REALIZE A TERRIBLE TRUTH: THAT SHE IN FACT, WAS THAT LINE.
ONLY ADAM, WHO HAD GIVEN HER DIRECTION WHEN SHE WAS LOST, WAS NOT FRIGHTENED. HE LOVED HER, THE WHOLE OF HER.
HE WAS MURDERED, TAKEN FROM HER. BUT SHE NEVER LOST HER WAY AGAIN. THE PATH BEFORE HER HAD NEVER BEEN MORE DISTINCT.
VAMPIRELLA HAD GROWN, BECOME WHOLE. WITH ALL THE PASSION AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT ACCOMPANY SUCH MATURITY, VAMPIRELLA HAD BECOME THE ONE THING THE CREATURES IN THE SHADOWS DESPISE ABOVE ALL ELSE.
IN EVERY WAY THAT MATTERS, SHE HAD BECOME HUMAN.
THAT IS HOW SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED.

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